

THE "WHEELING"

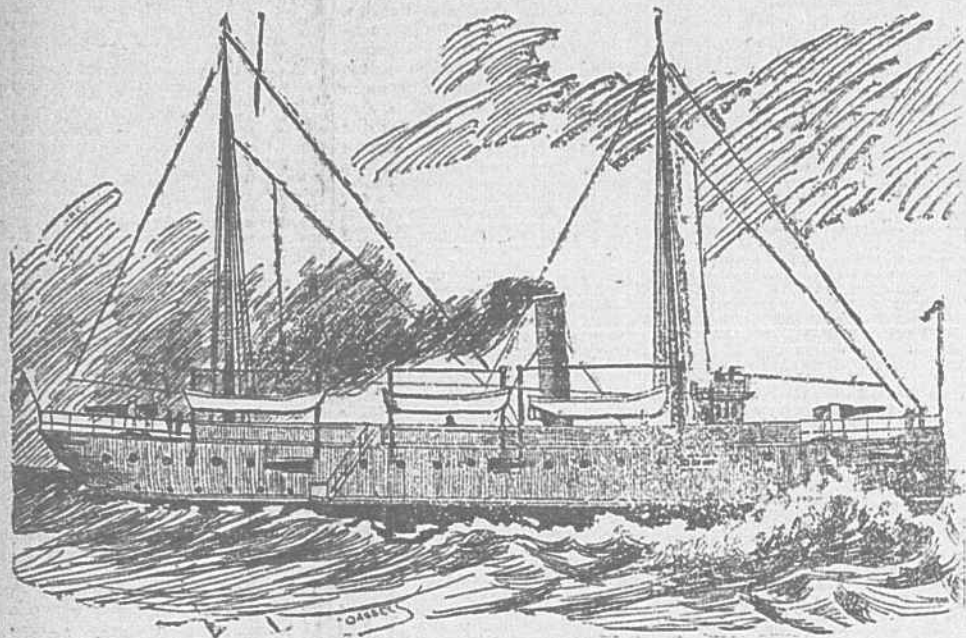
And "Marietta" will be Launched on the Same Day.

THE DOUBLE EVENT MARCH 17.

Which Also Happens to be St. Patrick's Day and the Day of the Flute Contest Between Pittsmons and Corbett. Truly, it is a Great Day This Year—Arrangements for the Visit of the Local Committee to San Francisco.

A twin baptism of war vessels at the Union iron works on or about March 17, will be the programme of an unusual naval event to be witnessed by delegations from West Virginia and Ohio, as well as by crowds from San Francisco, says an Associated Press dispatch received from San Francisco last night. The "Wheeling" and the "Marietta" are the names to be given to the two boats as they glide from the ways into the water at the same instant. This is the first time that two war vessels have ever been launched at the same time on this coast. The vessels are all but ready for the double christening and invitations have been sent to the eastern cities after which they are named. Citizens of Wheeling and of Marietta, will send delegations to participate in the ceremonies.

The two additions to the United States navy are what are known as twin screw light draught composite gun boats. Their contract cost price is \$212,000 and \$223,000 respectively and they are virtually sister ships. The boats, while perfectly seaworthy for round the world cruises, with the remarkably large radius of action,



are peculiarly adapted for service on the inland waters of the United States and other countries and by reason of their comparatively modern draught may be expected to visit localities where warships are practically unknown.

Both vessels are of the same dimensions. They are 114 feet long on the load water line, the beam extreme at load water line is 24 feet and the draught, normal to bottom of keel is 12 feet. The vessels are of 1,600 tons displacement. The indicated horse power must be 800 and the estimated speed is 12 knots an hour. The coal supply bunker capacity is 250 tons. The complement of officers, seamen and marines is 144. The armament consists of six four-inch rapid fire guns, one forward and one aft on the main deck and two on each broadside of the gun deck. There are also four six-pounders and four one-pounders all rapid fire.

The launching of the "Wheeling" and "Marietta" on March 17, takes the local committee that is to be present rather by surprise. The information from Washington was to the effect that the event would probably not take place before May day. Some of the committee are in favor of going to San Francisco after the launching, about May 1, and present the silver, china and glass service to the "Wheeling" at that time. This course, however, is not looked at with favor by other members of the committee, for the reason that it is the usual thing for delegations to be present at the time of the launch.

The committee has about closed arrangements for the transportation to the coast, and it is altogether likely that the council appropriation muddle will have to be settled in time to have the cabin service presented at the time of the launching. It is now generally believed that council will rescind its action of last Tuesday night, and pass the resolution appropriating \$900 for the purchase of the china, glass and silver ware from local manufacturers, and even if council turns down the appropriation again the committee will in some way have to settle for the goods purchased. This fact will probably be an argument in favor of council making the desired appropriation at to-night's council meeting.

"CITIZEN" ON THE GUNBOAT.

Claims There is Not a Popular Demand for the Appropriation.

To the Editor of the Intelligencer.

Sir:—Will you allow a small space in your paper to call attention to an article in your columns of the 11th inst.? You seem to be under the impression that all the citizens of Wheeling are in favor of the "Punch Bowl" appropriation and very much dissatisfied with the action of the councilmen who opposed the appropriation. I think, sir, I have met as many men as the writer of the article referred to in that issue of the Intelligencer, and have heard of no such general condemnation and expressions of dissatisfaction of the action of the second branch of council. On the contrary, there are severe criticisms of the persistence of council in trying to force an unpopular measure rough shod over the will of the people. It seems we have no money in our treasury to keep our streets in decent condition, but have money to throw away on "punch bowls."

We have walked in mud and filth all winter; could not get our streets cleaned—no money; hundreds of men walking the streets of Wheeling that could have been given a few days' work had this appropriation gone for street cleaning, or it could have been given with more honor to our city to those helpless women and children found in cellars and hovels in a starving and suffering condition. I hold, sir, that it is much better to maintain our credit at home than to try to get honor abroad, if the honor is to be had at the expense of an unwilling people. I think, Mr. Editor, that you will find the majority of the citizens of Wheeling are with those eleven councilmen who opposed the appropriation. There is a number of citizens who do not approve of the railroading methods adopted by our members of the legislature in forcing through the house and senate that bill authorizing the City of Wheeling to make such appropriation, over-ruling every constitutional rule and hurriedly passing the measure before they could hear from their constituents or consult with any one except a few friends of the measure, who secretly and in the

most underhanded way brought about the proposal and passage of the bill. I hope our councilmen will act conscientiously in this matter, having due regard for the opinions of those opposed to such appropriations. No more inappropriate gift could have been suggested than a "punch bowl." It could not be used on board for the purpose for which it is intended. The law governing naval vessels does not allow drinking on board. If the punch bowl is to be used it will have to be carried ashore whenever the boys want to take a drink out of "our bowl."

I do not oppose the purchasing of the glass or china service, but I draw the line at punch bowls. If nothing will do but give one, let it be done by private subscription and those pay for it who worship at that shrine.

CITIZEN.

Wheeling, Feb. 15.

IN THE OIL FIELDS.

"D. S. W.'s Weekly Review of the South-west Oil Fields."

In his weekly review of the south-west oil fields, "D. S. W." says: Locally, there was little to attract the attention of oil men during the week just closed. In the lower south-west there was some excitement. The deep, or Gordon sand, territory in Wetzel and Tyler counties has for more than a year been claiming the attention of operators, and the Kanawha Oil Company has been one of the two of the most energetic companies in carrying forward explorations. Its operations, with one exception, have been confined to Wetzel county, but success did not crown its efforts until last week, when it drilled in its No. 6, on the Big Mills tract, and got a producer that started at the rate of one hundred and eighty-five barrels a day. The location of the new well is south of previous developments, and makes the outlook

IT IS STARTED.

Cuban League Ladies' Committee Met Yesterday Afternoon.

THE MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT

Will be Given Under the Auspices of this Committee in the Near Future—Musical People of the City are Enthusiastically in Favor of the Project—The Committee on Organization Did Not Meet Last Night—Will be Called Again.

The local movement having for its object the extending of aid to the Cubans in their struggle for liberty, was started yesterday afternoon, when the committee of ladies met at the home of Miss Dee Pollack and began arranging for the proposed musical entertainment, the proceeds of which will be given to the Cuban League of the United States. The committee has already interviewed many of the musical people of the city and they are enthusiastic for the entertainment. From the material at its command it is assured that the committee will be able to present a programme that will form an evening of music worth hearing on its merits alone without considering the object for which it is to be given. The committee will hold frequent meetings and will soon announce the programme and date of entertainment. The committee of citizens, members

HIGH AUTHORITY.

What a Leading Chemist Says is the Best Thing to Do at This Time of the Year.

There has been more discussion over the subject of quick consumption, pneumonia and sudden deaths within the last six months than ever before. Doctors, and all thinking people have been interested in it, and the fact that more than two-thirds of all deaths arise from throat and lung troubles has intensified it. The best thing upon the subject that we have seen is from William T. Cutter, State Chemist of Connecticut. He says: "Some years ago while in Kentucky, I received a letter from a number of the leading physicians of New York, asking if I would furnish them with a pure article of whiskey for the sick. I did so, and for several years furnished them with a whiskey as nearly suitable for their purpose as I could find; but neither at that time nor since have I found what they required until I chemically analyzed Duffy's pure malt whiskey. Having a practical, as well as a chemical knowledge of the manufacture of whiskey, perhaps I am a better judge of its merits than one having only a chemical knowledge. I was surprised at the analysis of Duffy's pure malt whiskey to find it was absolutely pure, as I had never found this to be the case in any other whiskey. Its advantages to those suffering from pulmonary troubles, nervous prostration or mental exhaustion must be great. I consider that its absolute purity, as well as scientific mode of manufacture must commend it to public favor."

THE RAILROADS.

Mr. O. Russell Wood, for four years the Wheeling & Lake Erie traveling passenger agent at Wheeling, who was cut out of a position through the Wheeling going into the hands of a receiver, last night entered the service of the Cleveland, Lorain & Wheeling road as traveling passenger agent, with headquarters at the company's offices, opposite the Terminal station. Mr. Wood has been a valuable man for the Wheeling & Lake Erie, and his "business" for his road on many occasions, that would have gone to competitors but for his ability and popularity with the traveling public in this vicinity. Mr. Wood retired from the Wheeling & Lake Erie service a week ago. Last night he had an interview with General Passenger Agent M. G. Carrel, of the Cleveland, Lorain & Wheeling, and in a few minutes Mr. Wood had entered the service of that company. Mr. Carrel, you could not have made a better move.

Railroaders in Town.

Among the visiting railroaders in town yesterday, were Fred. B. Sankey, of Pittsburgh, traveling passenger agent of the Pennsylvania Lines; Ashby Smith, of Parkersburg, traveling passenger agent of the Ohio River road, and J. S. McCloud, of Pittsburgh, traveling passenger agent of the Rock Island route.

Vice President and General Manager George A. Burt, of the Ohio River road, passed through the city yesterday afternoon in his private car, for New York, transferring to the Pennsylvania at this point.

An Agent Sent Abroad.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 14.—H. P. Hathaway has been sent to London, Eng., by President M. E. Ingalls, as the general agent of the Chesapeake & Ohio railway, the Chesapeake & Ohio Steamship Company, and the Kanawha Dispatch. The appointment went into effect yesterday when Mr. Hathaway sailed for London, to open up the general offices.

A New Point.

A new point is made in the following from a Cincinnati paper: "When the Baltimore & Ohio's eastbound tonnage suddenly increased at Chicago, until the Baltimore & Ohio for several weeks carried the largest east-bound tonnage out of Chicago, all the other roads said the Baltimore & Ohio was shading rates. Receiver Murray attributed the increase to the hard work and hustling qualities of the agents and employees of the company. As the Baltimore & Ohio's east-bound tonnage out of Chicago fell off as suddenly almost, as it increased, it is fair to presume that the Baltimore & Ohio agents got tired and stopped hustling for business."

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Stomach

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